



No. 3: 2023
16th. August, 2023

P.O. Box 401072
Mangawhai Heads 0541

Our website: www.fairytern.org.nz
Email: info@fairytern.org.nz

Dear Members and supporters,

In this issue: AGM; Volunteer Induction Day; Fairy tern news; Conservation hui; Pakiri sign; Sandmining; Membership subs due

First welcome to new member Marissa Oliver of Upper Hutt.

Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday, 17th September, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Venue: Senior Citizens' Hall, Fagan Place, Mangawhai Heads (behind the Wood St shops).

Trustee, Roger Ashford will propose his motion (previously notified) to change a rule in our Constitution

After presentation of the annual reports and election of the committee,

Guest speaker, Nikki Hartley, DOC Ranger

will talk about her work with endangered species in Borneo.

After the meeting there will be light refreshments and a chance to catch up with fellow "terners".

Please join us. **All welcome**

Volunteer Induction Day.....

.....will be held on Saturday, 30 September

at the Boating and Fishing club rooms, Alamar Crescent, Mangawhai Heads.

Save this date if you would like to be part of the team of volunteers who monitor fairy terns during the breeding season. It would be great to have more people on our team.

For more details, contact Nikki Hartley nhartley@doc.govt.nz

or Dawne Sanson dawne.sanson@xtra.co.nz

Fairy Tern News

Fairy terns are starting to be seen returning to their East coast breeding sites. Darren Markin found these at Mangawhai on 12th August.



On the shell and in the air



Also at Mangawhai, DOC and the Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society have been installing new fences and planting to repair the ravages of Cyclone Gabrielle and other storms.



Photo: Debbie Stone

Mangawhai Conservation hui

Date: Sunday 20th August (1pm-4pm)

Location: Mangawhai Senior Citizens Hall, Fagan place.

Please join us to hear about the special biodiversity values of Mangawhai, our threatened species, and efforts to protect them. The three focus species for the day are Fairy Tern, Kiwi & Bittern.

The Fairy Tern Trust, the Shorebirds Trust and the Piroa Conservation Trust

will talk about their work, followed by a

Traps workshop

Option to learn some trapping basics and take a trap home

All welcome

Pakiri sign

Visitors to Pakiri will now be aware that they are entering Fairy tern territory, with the erection of this sign last month. Generous donations from the Trust's members and supporters made it possible.

Special thanks to Glenys and David Mather who co-ordinated the whole process of getting the sign made and getting it to its position for Auckland Council contractors to erect. Thanks too to Barbara Clark of Auckland Council who worked closely with Glenys to organise a date for the contractors to put the sign up. We are grateful to Olivia Haddon and other members of Te Whānau O Pakiri who supplied the wording in te reo and suggested the best site.



Pictured L to R: Auckland Council contractors, Wendy Brown (Te Whānau O Pakiri), Debbie Stone and Jane Vaughan (Trust committee), Barbara Clark(Auckland Council), Glenys Mather and Heather Rogan (Trust Committee)

Photo: David Mather

Sandmining

Hearings about the offshore appeal are being heard this month.

Omaha Marae will host the hearings for two days next week: the 21st and 22nd August, starting with a powhiri at 8.30 am. Members of the public are welcome and will hear the evidence of Te Whānau O Pakiri and others.

The address is **Omaha Block Access Road, Leigh.**

Membership Fees Due

Thank you to all who have already renewed your membership.

We really appreciate your support and hope you will continue to support us with your membership fees.

Please make your payment by direct credit to our bank account,

Account name: New Zealand Fairy Tern Charitable Trust

Account number: 12-3094-0197257-00

Please include your name and type of membership – life, individual, family, junior, corporate.

Fees for each category are:

Life Membership: \$200

Annual Subscriptions:

\$20 individual membership

\$30 family membership (2 adults plus children aged 15 years and under)

\$5 junior membership (15 years and under)

Corporate membership: \$50 small firms \$150 medium \$500 large

Some people choose to supplement their membership fees with donations which are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!

Best wishes,

Heather Rogan and the Trust committee